Maine’s DownEast & Acadia
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Welcome to DownEast & Acadia

Set against a backdrop of spectacular natural beauty, DownEast & Acadia is rich in history and the arts and is alive with attractions and events, all year long.

You can explore museums to learn about the culture and natural history of the area, or jump in the car and visit some of the many marks that the glaciers made on our region. Take a wildlife cruise on a windjammer or go on a puffin- or whale-watching tour. View our 24 lighthouses, dine in an elegant restaurant or stop and have some lobster at a lobster pound. Cruise along our four scenic byways to see the lupines in the late spring or the leaves in the fall. Check out the ATV and snowmobile trails to explore our woods and fields, or take some time for some world class hunting and fishing in our woods, lakes and streams. Hike a trail along a quiet rocky shoreline, kayak a lake or coastal bay, visit yard sales or antique stores or stroll through a town with one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants. Or just relax at a seaside inn or woodland lodge. The choices are vast whether you want your days to be filled with activity or quiet and relaxing.

Whether you are yearning for the peaceful sound of the waves lapping the shoreline, the fun of a local festival filled with food, music and local character or the thrill of seeing nature up close, DownEast & Acadia is a special place you will want to experience for yourself again and again. Come visit us and get to know this special place—it’s a true Maine experience.
DownEast & Acadia is known for its amazing scenery and it accessible natural attractions.

Nature is the number one reason people come to visit our region. From Acadia National Park to the Penobscot River and Passamaquoddy Bay, the scenery here is unsurpassed and easily accessible.

Be the first in the country to see the dawn. Travel along our four scenic byways to explore the region along roads known for their spectacular beauty and local charm.

Hike through the morning dew on a trail along the shore or in our public lands. Walk through the woods and splash through some mountain streams, or change your hiking shoes for some biking cleats and tour along our quiet roads and biking trails. Discover our amazing gardens and landscapes or ride, walk, or cycle along the DownEast Sunrise Trail.

Explore our islands by boat or on foot. Inland offers canoeing on quiet lakes, fishing in crystal clear streams rich with trout and rafting on our rivers.

If you enjoy seeing wildlife, visit a wildlife refuge or contact a Registered Maine Guide for an authentic DownEast hunting, fishing, hiking or canoeing trip.

Moose, deer, and a variety of birds can often be spotted. There are also cruises from many coastal towns offering whale watching, puffin tours and ecology tours, where you can see porpoises, eagles and a myriad of other creatures. Explore some tide pools or ask for the DownEast & Acadia Birding Trail Map. Follow the path of the glaciers along Maine’s Ice Age Trail and try your hand at geocaching.

At night, enjoy a stargazer float or a moonlight paddle to enjoy the quiet and the starlight as you’ve never done or experience the beauty of one of our spectacular sunsets (and moon rises!) aboard a Schooner or Windjammer. There is even a Night Sky Festival in September to celebrate and preserve the visibility of the stars from our corner of the world.

Day or night, misty or clear, through all the seasons of the year, the natural beauty and scenery is close enough to touch. Come be a part of it.
Arts and Entertainment

From gallery hopping and live musical performances, to theatrical productions, to a wide array of handmade crafts, local festivals, fairs, and museums, there is plenty to choose from in DownEast & Acadia. Or if you are an artist yourself, you will find great inspiration and subject matter from the region’s natural attractions and viewscapes.

Music festivals, town bands, and other live music performances are available throughout the region year round. Check locally to see what is going on while you are here.

Outdoor Recreation

For those looking for outdoor activities, hiking, biking, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, geocaching, whale watching, and birding opportunities abound throughout the entire region. Whether hiking in Acadia National Park or along the Bold Coast, there are hundreds of miles of trails in the many parks and preserves, many along the dramatic coastline or near inland lakes and ponds. Fresh water and ocean kayaking are popular in many areas - go on your own or join a guided tour. The Down East Sunrise Trail is an 85 mile multi-use trail for biking, ATVing, snowmobiling, walking and horseback riding as well. However you like to experience nature, you will find it here.

Shopping and Dining

Most shops and stores are independently owned so you can meet and buy directly from artisans, entrepreneurs, and families in their shops, studios, workshops and homes. If there is an “OPEN” flag flying or a welcome sign, drive right up to the house and knock on the door. DownEast & Acadia has a venerable craft tradition in baskets, boat-building, quilts, woodwork, wreaths, and beadwork. Drive along the byways and back roads in our region to discover craft shops, galleries and antique stores off the beaten paths. Other local delicacies such as blueberry products, gourmet chocolates, stone-ground mustard, sea salt, home-made jams and shell-shaped cookies make great souvenirs to take home or enjoy en route!

For dining, DownEast & Acadia of course, has delicious lobster served at a wide variety of restaurants, along with all kinds of other seafood, such as clams, scallops, haddock, salmon and on and on. Many restaurants serve them in traditional ways, such as in chowders or fried and broiled, but many also offer unique twists on old favorites. There are also many restaurants offering fresh local fare in creative and flavorful combinations or home style cooking that you won’t want to miss. Or take in a public supper for some good food and a chance to mingle with the locals too!
Rich in History

DownEast & Acadia has a rich and varied heritage with a wealth of historic sites and museums reflecting the different aspects of the region and the people who have lived and worked here.

Glaciers and tides, explorers and traders, shipbuilders and sailors, soldiers and politicians, farmers and light keepers, hunters and fishermen, crafters and manufacturers, people born in the area and people born to the area have shaped our region and have been shaped by it.

From the first French settlement in America at St. Croix Island in 1604 and the Passamaquoddy culture of the Abnaki natives who met them, to the victory over the British in Machias Bay during the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War and the occupation of Castine and Eastport during the war of 1812, all of these and more are part of our story.

Historic homes span the region and offer glimpses into the life of bygone eras. Historic Districts are found in Castine, Blue Hill, Sedgwick, Somesville, Bar Harbor, Cherryfield, East Machias, Dennysville, Eastport and Calais and historic societies in nearly every town are great resources on the local history and genealogy. You will not want to miss the sites of Maine’s Historic Bold Coast which provide great insight into the varying influences on the history of DownEast & Acadia. Also the DownEast Fisheries Trail explores the maritime life and heritage of the region.
Dad and I are hitting all the sites of Maine’s Historic Bold Coast and working our way up from Castine to Campobello. These are amazingly preserved historic sites. The scenery along the byways is gorgeous and we stopped at some local gardens too. There are a lot of cute little antique shops and local crafters so we are coming home with a car full of goodies. Wish you were here!

Hey,
Got here Saturday and have been exploring the lighthouses (24+) all along the coast. Saw 2 just over the border in Canada and did a boat tour of some in East Penobscot Bay. Tomorrow a flight to see those we missed. We’re filling up our lighthouse passports with stamps for all the ones we have seen. You would love it. Hope to come back again next year as there are a lot of places for birdwatching that we want to see too.
Hi Guys,

This is like a dream come true! Went kayaking in the bay and so far have hiked on the Blue Hill Peninsula, on carriage trails in Acadia National Park and today we are hiking the Bold Coast (trails along the shore!) and will camp out overnight overlooking the ocean. We saw an amazing historic home and ate lobster and blueberry pie, so we made good use of our time . We might rent ATV's on our next “day of rest” so we can see even more scenery. See you soon!

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To reach us, come by land, air or sea.

By Land: From the South you can reach the region’s western border in about 8 hours from New York City, 4 ½ hours from Boston, 2 hours from Portland, 1/2 hour from Bangor. You can travel on Interstate 95 from the south or savor the journey and take scenic Route 1 for a true Maine coastal experience.

If coming from the Canadian Atlantic Provinces, we are just over the border from New Brunswick - 90 minutes from Saint John and 30 minutes from Saint Andrews.

By Bus: The region is served by Concord Trailways and Greyhound into Bangor and by local bus companies from Bangor to Ellsworth and Calais and seasonally to Bar Harbor.

By Air: Bangor International Airport, the largest airport in the region, and Hancock County/Bar Harbor Airport in Trenton, have daily non-stop service from major hubs. Check with your travel agent or online for the latest flight information for both airports. Rental cars are available at both airports.

By Sea: If you are drawn to travel by sea, Maine's DownEast & Acadia region has many ports to anchor in offering a unique way to experience the region. Check with local ports, harbormasters or other authorities for mooring availability.

Visiting Canada: If you are including a visit to Canada, you will need to bring your valid passport. If you are not a US citizen and plan on traveling to Canada from the DownEast & Acadia region, you should check with your government agencies to determine what paperwork is necessary.
DownEast & Acadia is made up of six distinct regions that all offer the visitor a unique experience. The following pages highlight each area and show a sampling of each area’s features, and things to see and do.

You can visit all of the areas and stay in each for an immersion into the area or locate yourself in one area and do day trips to the others.

However you do it, DownEast & Acadia will be an authentic Maine experience.
Encompassed by quiet, coastal towns this area offers visitors exquisite landscapes, crystalline blue water, an endless sky, and the resinous scent of spruce and pine. The Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory (don’t miss the view from the top, accessible from Fort Knox) ushers you into the riverfront town of Bucksport and to the wonders of East Penobscot Bay.

With world class art galleries, antique shops, chamber music, steel bands, a marine science institute, libraries, and well-known local authors, East Penobscot Bay is also home to Castine’s Maine Maritime Academy, Brooklin’s Wooden Boat School and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, which has workshops throughout the summer. There are golf courses, historic sites, and stunning examples of colonial, Federal, and neo-classical architecture as well as a wealth of secluded nature preserves.

Its sheltered water and picturesque sprinkling of islands make the region one of the finest sailing areas in the world, ideal for small and large sailing vessels. If you are a fan of lighthouses, be sure to check out the Deer Isle Lighthouse Trail where you can see 8 area lighthouses and get your lighthouse passport stamped for each of them!

There are luxurious inns, classic bed & breakfasts, campgrounds, and rambling coastal cottage colonies to welcome you and your family and eateries offer a wide selection of menus to satisfy everyone’s taste.

**If You Have Just One Day**

Stop at Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory, tour the fort, built during the U.S. Civil War, and ride the elevator to the top of the Observatory, 420 feet high, for a great view of Penobscot Bay and the surrounding area.

Drive down the peninsula to Castine, stroll its historic district and visit the Wilson Museum and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Do a loop around Deer Isle, stop at the many art galleries and view a working waterfront.

Drive up the peninsula to Blue Hill, stroll the shops and galleries and stop for dinner.

Take in a concert at Kneisel Hall.

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**Other Things to Do & Sites to See**

- Deer Isle Granite Museum - Stonington
- Settlement Quarry - Stonington
- Visit Isle Au Haut
- Lighthouse Cruise
- Jonathan Fisher House - Blue Hill
- Jonathan Buck Gravestone - Bucksport
- Riverfront Walkway - Bucksport
- Historical Societies throughout the area
- Stonington Opera House
- Holbrook Sanctuary - Harborside
- Farmers Markets
- Northeast Historic Film
The peninsula containing the Town of Trenton and much of the City of Ellsworth were first settled by the British circa 1760. Both municipalities share a rich history of fishing, farming, lumbering, shipbuilding and coasting on the Union River. These combined endeavors made this region a bustling commercial center in the 19th and 20th centuries. In Ellsworth, history buffs will want to visit Woodlawn, a fine estate built in the 1820s by Colonel John Black. The fine antique furnishings in this gracious home are the accumulation of three generations of the Black family. They include many one-of-a-kind pieces.

From Ellsworth or Trenton it is a short drive to many interesting and picturesque places along the coast, such as Lamoine State Park with breathtaking views of Frenchman Bay or Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island with its lovely small towns and spectacular vistas. The Acadia All American Road begins in Trenton, where vistas of Mt. Desert Island and the heights of Acadia National Park first come into view. You might also like to explore the DownEast Sunrise Trail, an 85 mile multi-use trail that starts in Ellsworth. Ellsworth & Trenton offer a collection of fine dining options, from international cuisine to authentic DownEast lobster pounds. Local entertainment is eclectic and first rate and there is a wide variety of accommodations as well.

Museums, nature, a rich history, a broad cultural palette and family activities make the Ellsworth & Trenton area a must on your DownEast & Acadia adventure.

**If You Have Just One Day**

Stop at the Woodlawn Museum, historic home of Colonel Black. Have lunch and shop in Downtown Ellsworth.

Take a scenic Train Ride to Green Lake.

Have a lobster feast at one of Trenton's famous "lobster pounds".

See a lumberjack show or play a round of mini golf to round out the evening.

**Other Things to Do & Sites to See**

- Stanwood Homestead and Birdscare Sanctuary - Ellsworth
- Telephone Museum - Ellsworth
- Woodland Museum/Colonel Black House - Ellsworth
- Water slide
- Down East Sunrise Trail
- Scenic Train Ride to Green Lake
- Ellsworth Public Library
- Lamoine Beach
- Glider Rides/Scenic Flights
- Grand Theater (check locally for schedule of performances/shows)
Mount Desert Island is home to Acadia National Park, comprising more than 40,000 acres or about two-fifths of the island. Acadia is one of the most visited parks in the system and the only national park in New England. For those wishing to leave the driving to someone else while visiting Mount Desert Island there is a free island wide shuttle service, Island Explorer, serving all of the towns on the island and Acadia National Park.

There are 17 mountain peaks on the island including Cadillac Mountain which is the highest point on the eastern seaboard north of Rio de Janeiro. The island is a natural wonderland boasting more than 80 species of land and marine mammals, reptiles and amphibians from white-tailed deer to harbor seals. There are more than 250 species of sea, shore and land birds including more than 20 species of warblers alone. Its intertidal zone is abundant with marine life living in the island’s twice daily tides rising and falling between 10-12 feet.

While on Mount Desert Island & Acadia National Park, enjoy the diversity of busy towns, rich in history, with a wide range of restaurants, shops & galleries, music & art festivals and community celebrations. Go whale or puffin watching or cruise the harbors looking for eagles, ospreys or seals. Get active with hiking, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, or just sit in a park and watch the world go by. A wide array of hotels, motels, B&B’s and campgrounds cater to everyone’s preference.

If You Have Just One Day

Drive the beautiful Park Loop Road stopping for highlights (Cadillac Mountain, Sand Beach, Jordan Pond House, the Precipice, Thunder Hole, Sieur de Mont Springs). Explore the villages of Southwest Harbor and Northeast Harbor and tour Thuya Gardens or Asticou Azalea gardens on the “quiet side” of the island.

Drive down into Bar Harbor and stroll among the art galleries, quaint stores and shops.

Check out a live performance, a movie or take in an evening concert on the Village Green.

Other Things to Do & Sites to See

- The Gardens of Mount Desert Island (Aesticu, Thuya, Wild Gardens of Acadia)
- Acadia National Park – Hike, Bike, Ride, Watch Wildlife
- Learn about Geology, Stargazing, Sea Activity through Ranger led programs
- Visit local museums (i.e. Abbe, George B. Dorr Museum Natural History Museum, Auto Museum, Whale Museum, Historical Society Museums, the Oceanarium, Wendell Gilley, and more!)
- Take a carriage ride in Acadia National Park
- Bass Harbor Light
- Take a Flying tour of MDI – from Hancock County Airport
- Take a schooner, lobster boat or ferry ride for nature or sunset cruises or to visit outer islands
- Golf
- Go on a trolley tour around the island
- Ride on the Island Explorer for an eco-friendly and easy way to see all the sites!
Spanning the area from the Schoodic Scenic Byway, the Blackwoods Scenic Byway, and the start of the Bold Coast Byway, all the way up to Jonesboro near Machias Bay, the Schoodic & DownEast region covers a lot of territory and terrains, from dramatic coastlines, to acres and acres of blueberry barrens to remote woodlands and lakes, all with a deep historic backdrop.

Schoodic Point, a much less traveled part of Acadia National Park, offers solitude rarely attainable elsewhere. Always it boasts spectacular scenery and the best surf crashing into rocks to be seen anywhere on stormy days. The interplay of land, sea and sunlight has inspired generations of poets, writers, and painters.

There are a number of festivals and events in this part of the region including a Lobster Festival in Winter Harbor every August that includes a parade and live entertainment. The arts thrive throughout the region year-round including a two week long festival each summer as well as other local performances from town bands to world class classical music.

Inland there are large tracts of public reserve land with sport hiking trails to rival those found anywhere in the state. The deep, pure waters of inland lakes make for ideal canoeing and tiny islands with broad gravel beaches offer lots of landing spots for picnics or camping. And with deep water temperatures near 40 degrees year-round, these are great fishing spots. The Down East Sunrise Trail, an 85 mile multi-use trail, can bring you to many of these special spots.

Restaurants featuring local seafood, B&B’s, motels, unique shops and historic sites all await you as you explore Schoodic and DownEast.

If You Have Just One Day

Tour the Schoodic Section of Acadia National Park via the Schoodic Scenic Byway. If time allows take a hike on a trail or go for a paddle. Stop for lunch or shopping in the village of Winter Harbor.

In Milbridge take an Atlantic Puffin Tour to Petit Manan Island to see these cute little nesting birds.

Drive up to Columbia Falls and tour the historic Ruggles House.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and watch the sunset over the lobster fishing town of Jonesport.
Machias, an Indian name, meaning “bad little falls,” is a former lumber center tucked between the sea and the flat open country of wild blueberry barrens to the north. The Machias River was the region’s first highway providing a steady conduit for the running of sawlogs and pulp from its jewel-like headwater lakes to the mills and waiting schooners along the coast.

Incorporated in 1763, Machias village exudes history. Each June Machias celebrates its role in the Revolutionary War, as the site of the first Naval Battle, through the Margaretta Festival. The event commemorates the local patriots who, armed with side arms and little more than knives and pitchforks, attacked and seized the British Naval Vessel, the Margaretta, so that their lumber wouldn’t be sent to Boston to build British barracks. No trip to Machias is complete without a visit to Burnham Tavern, one of the oldest buildings in Eastern Maine, where the revolt was planned. Also be sure to take a short stroll along the “Bad Little Falls” in town for a great view of the river.

The third weekend in August is the Wild Blueberry Festival, celebrating the harvest of the area’s primary agricultural crop and the culture around it. Aside from the parade, great vendors, tours, food and pie eating contests, don’t miss the home grown musical—it is new each year and epitomizes family fun in the best DownEast tradition.

West and South of Machias is Roque Bluffs State Park, a great public place to swim as you head east. Its pebble beach with cool salt water on one side and warm shallow freshwater on the other, provides fun for the whole family. Even in foggy weather, it is a beautiful spot to go for a beachcombing stroll. The Down East Sunrise Trail, an 85 mile multi-use trail runs through the region as well.

A variety of small accommodations, restaurants, camping facilities, shops and attractions dot the area, a wonderful getaway from the hustle and bustle of life at home.

If You Have Just One Day

Continue along Route 1 to Machias. Drive down to Roque Bluffs State Park.
Visit Burnham Tavern, historic site and Museum of the American Revolution
Stop for some blueberry pie.
Continue to Cutler, take a tour to Little River Lighthouse or hike the Bold Coast.

Other Things to Do & Sites to See

- Gates and Cooper Houses
- Blueberry Fields
- Fort O’Brien
- O’Brien Cemetery
- Bad Little Falls
- Western Head Trail
- Bold Coast Scenic Byway
- Jasper Beach
- Puffin Tour
- Wild Blueberry Festival
- Margaretta Day Festival
- UMM Homecoming Festival
- Rocky Lake Public Lands
- Machias River Corridor Public Lands

Sue Schmid
Jim Fisher
Way DownEast & Roosevelt Campobello

Way DownEast & Roosevelt Campobello is the ideal place for visitors who seek to get away from the crowds. Its friendly, hardworking people still wrest their living primarily from the fields, forests and sea. Bird watching, moose spotting, hiking and camping are popular in the area’s nature preserves, state parks and Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge. If you bring your passport you can make your visit a two nation vacation and include great sites just over the Canadian border too!

Lubec and Eastport, which sit astride the border with Canada and overlook pristine Passamaquoddy Bay, are the first places in the nation to see the sun rise and are vibrant centers for the arts and learning. Indulge your fantasy of learning to play a musical instrument or learn how to cook a gourmet meal, using the best of local products. Take a schooner or lobster boat ride to see whales, eagles or maybe for a spin through the Old Sow, a large natural whirlpool and see the region’s 20 foot tides.

Lighthouse fans are in for a treat with 5 lighthouses in this region!

The Passamaquoddy Nation has lived here for centuries. Learn about their culture and traditions at the museums in Indian Township and Sipayik. St. Croix Island International Historic Site offers information on the earliest European settlement and its early history. Roosevelt Campobello International Park, just over the bridge in Canada, offers tours of Franklin Roosevelt’s famous summer home as well as “Tea with Eleanor” each day and lots of hiking opportunities.

In the region’s northern reaches, smallmouth bass, lake trout and landlocked salmon of renowned Grand Lake area await the patient angler. You will want to leave time to sample some of the area’s gourmet chocolates, stone ground mustard, sea salt and fresh fish, so be sure to bring your appetite!

If You Have Just One Day

Visit Lubec, stroll the town, get a meal, shop and visit Quoddy Head State Park and its famous candy cane striped lighthouse.

Drive over the International Bridge to Campobello Island. Visit Roosevelt Campobello International Park, beautiful gardens, tour the Roosevelt Cottage, (don’t forget your passport)!

Drive to Eastport and explore the galleries, shops and restaurants.

Take a Sunset schooner ride or find out what is happening at Eastport’s Arts Center.

Other Things to Do & Sites to See

- Moosehorn Natl. Wildlife Refuge – Calais/Baring & Edmunds
- Indian Township Museum, Princeton
- Tides Institute and Museum of Art - Eastport
- St. Croix Island International Historic Site - just outside Calais
- Waponahki Museum and Resource Center – Pleasant Point
- Bold Coast Scenic Byway
- Herring Cove Provincial Park – Campobello Island, Canada
- Summer Keys Concerts - Lubec
- 45th Parallel Marker - Perry
- Barracks Museum - Eastport
- Quoddy Dam Model - Eastport
- Calais Historic District
- Bog Walk or Historic Tour of Lubec
- Fish at Grand Lake Stream or go for a moonlight paddle
- Bioluminescence paddling tour
- Whale watching
- Shackford Head State Park - Eastport
- Cobscook Bay State Park - Edmunds
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January
Public Suppers—A Maine Tradition in most communities—Check each community for specific details

February/March
Ice Fishing Derby—Many communities hold fishing derbies -check community calendars for specific dates
Last Sunday in March—Maine Maple Sunday—Statewide—www.mainemapleproducers.com

April
Mid-April—Smelt Fry—Columbia Falls—www.downeastacadia.com

May/June
Birding Festivals—The region is home to more the 300 species of birds and three birding festivals. Visit www.downeastacadia.com
Taste of Bar Harbor Food Festival—Bar Harbor—3rd weekend in May

June
3rd Week—Bar Harbor Legacy of the Arts—Bar Harbor—Music, artist, demonstrations, art show - 207-288-5103
3rd Week—Lupine Festival—Deer Isle/Stonington - Craft fair, music, art & more - 207-348-6124

July
4th of July - Many communities have parades, fireworks, and more. Check each community for specifics
4th of July—World’s Fastest Lobster Boat Races—Jonesport—207-434-2602
2nd Saturday—Native American Festival and Basket Makers Market—Bar Harbor
3rd Weekend – Tribes of the Dawn Land Cultural & Heritage Days-Indian Township, Princeton-207-796-2822
Last Saturday—Milbridge Days—Parades, music, fireworks - 207-546-2702
Bar Harbor Music Festival—For dates & times 212-222-1026 After July 1 207-288-5744
Last Weekend—Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival—Nationally recognized folk artists & craftsmen and music - 207-796-8199
Last Weekend—Bucksport Bay Festival—Antique & classic car show, 5K run, crafts, food, Civil War encampment - 207-469-6818

August
2nd Week—Passamaquoddy Indian Days—Perry—Pleasant Point Reservation—Indian culture, folklore & dances - 207-853-2600
2nd Saturday—Lobster Festival—Winter Harbor—Lobster boat races, parade, crafts, music, lobster dinners - 207-963-7658
2nd Weekend—International Homecoming Festival—Calais - 207-454-2308
3rd Weekend—Blueberry Festival—Machias—Fish fry, children’s parade, music, food, and more—207-255-6665
3rd Weekend—Bar Harbor Jazz Festival—Bar Harbor
Last Thursday—Labor Day—Blue Hill Fair—Blue Hill—Live entertainment, horse & oxen pulls, auto thrill show—207-374-3701

September
Labor Day Weekend—Salmon Festival—Eastport - 207-853-4644
2nd Weekend—Pirate Festival—Eastport - 207-853-4343
3rd Weekend- Maine Open Lighthouse Day-Statewide-www.lighthouseday.com
Last Weekend—Autumn Gold Days—Ellsworth—Antique cars, Chowder Fest, and more - 207-667-5584

October
2nd Saturday—Oktoberfest—Southwest Harbor—Microbreweries, crafts, food & music - 207-244-9264
3rd Weekend—Mount Desert Island Marathon—www.downeastacadia.com
3rd Weekend—Foliage Food and Wine Festival—Blue Hill - 207-374-3242
Last 2 Weekends Up to Halloween—Fright at the Fort—Fort Knox and Bucksport- www.downeastacadia.com

November/December
Festival of Lights—Many communities hold Festival of Lights Parades & events at the end of November or beginning of December—Check each community for details.
New Year’s Eve—Many communities hold celebrations & countdowns with Ball Drops, & even a giant Sardine Drop to ring in the New Year